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TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD EAIR PFOR CO

SUBJECT: LOCKHEED SCANDAL

REFERENCE: BOGOTA 2205

1. DEPARTMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO WORK OUT PROCEDURES WITHIN THE USG FOR RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES FROM A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES CONCERNING ALLEGED PAYMENTS OF BRIBES BY LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT REPRESENTATIVES. WE ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND SPECIFICALLY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO THE COLOMBIAN REQUEST, WHICH IS CONTAINED IN THE COLOMBIAN EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 216, DATED FEBRUARY 11. EMBASSY WILL OF COURSE BE ADVISED OF DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE AS SOON AS IT IS READY.

2. AMBASSADOR TURBAY HAS ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT WHEN A REPLY MIGHT BE EXPECTED, MOST RECENTLY ON MARCH 3. SUBSTANCE OF PARA ONE ABOVE HAS BEEN CONVEYED ORALLY TO HIM, WHICH HE HAS INDICATED HE WILL PASS ON TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. EMBASSY MAY ALSO RESPOND ORALLY ALONG SIMILAR LINES IF QUERIED BY

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FOREIGN MINISTRY.

3. FYI, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF COLOMBIAN NOTE:

THE EMBASSY OF COLOMBIA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO

HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF COLOMBIA KINDLY REQUESTS THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN SECURING FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE, THAT IS PRESENTLY INVESTIGATING THE ACTIVITIES OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND THE REPORTED ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT EXECUTIVES, AUTHENTICATED COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO ALLEGED IRREGULAR TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN THE SAID COMPANY AND THE COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE OR ITS REVOLVING FUND REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF C130 HERCULES AIRCRAFT.

THE EMBASSY OF COLOMBIA WISHES TO THANK HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A PROMPT ATTENTION TO THIS REQUEST, SINCE THE COLOMBIAN JUSTICE IS NOW INVESTIGATING THE MATTER ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS BASED ON THE STUDY MADE BY THE ABOVE MENTIONED SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D.C., FEBRUARY 11, 1976.

4. PURSUANT TO AMBASSADOR VAKY'S SUGGESTION, DEVINE HAS CHECKED WITH EDUARDO SANTOS OF COLOMBIAN EMBASSY. SANTOS SAYS THAT DESPITE BOGOTA PRESS REPORTS TO CONTRARY, HE DOES NOT RPT NOT HAVE COPIES OF LOCKHEED DOCUMENTS. HE DOES HAVE SOME RELATED "RANDOM PAPERS" WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN PUBLISHED IN MEXICAN PRESS. KISSINGER

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